

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP BOWIE

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of Camp Bowie in Brownwood, Texas. This month, the community of Brownwood will gather to mark this occasion with a symposium to honor the history of Camp Bowie.

Camp Bowie, named in honor of a Texas hero James Bowie, was established on September 19, 1940, by the United States War Department. This installation was the first major project authorized during the World War II era. In the same year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was given the power to mobilize National Guard Units across the nation. Shortly after its completion, Camp Bowie became the new home of the 36th Texas National Guard Division.

After the U.S.'s entry into World War II, the 36th Division was deployed for training at Camp Blanding, Florida. On September 9, 1943, these brave men were the first allied soldiers sent to the beaches of Salerno, Italy to defeat Hitler's European fortress from the west. The 36th Division served 400 days of combat, and five campaigns in Italy, France, Germany, and Austria. The men of the 36th Division came home and demobilized on Christmas Day in 1945.

Since World War II, Camp Bowie has trained over 420,000 service members and is an instrumental part of our nation's defense and preserving our nation's liberty. Camp Bowie's history serves as an example to many generations of what it takes to defend our freedom. I am proud to represent Camp Bowie and Brownwood, and I am honored to share their history with my colleagues in Congress. On September 16th through the 18th, 2015, the Brownwood community will be honoring this historic milestone at Howard Payne University. I would like to commend Tarleton State University, Howard Payne University and the Brown County Museum of History for their hard work in organizing this symposium.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF SCOTT T. CAREY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend and distinguished constituent, Scott T. Carey, a former Mayor of Palo Alto and a resident of Portola Valley, California, who died at his home on August 11, 2015 after a brief illness at the age of 82.

Scott Carey was born on March 11, 1933, to Paul T. Carey, an artist, and Stanleigh Carey,

a pianist. He was raised in Berkeley, graduated from Berkeley High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California. He earned his law degree from Boalt Hall and served our country as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1958, rising to the rank of Captain.

Scott Carey practiced law in San Francisco and Palo Alto before joining his uncle Pat Carey's real estate brokerage. Founded in 1935, Cornish & Carey was primarily a residential brokerage firm when Scott joined the company in 1968. He soon upgraded the company's commercial division and it became the brokerage of choice for many Silicon Valley technology companies. He served as Chairman of the firm's Board of Directors.

Scott Carey was known for his honesty, dedication, integrity, wise counsel and his ability to think fast and explain complex deals in a personable, confident manner. He was an ardent and able golfer, and a public servant as a member of the Palo Alto City Council from 1975 to 1979, including a term as Mayor. He was instrumental in obtaining the Council's support for the \$7.5 million acquisition of more than 500 acres of lower foothills property which later became the core of the Arastradero Open Space Preserve. He also served on various boards, including that of the Woodside Priory School and the Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy. He oversaw the sale of Cornish and Carey to BCG Partners, an endeavor in which he was deeply involved.

Scott Carey leaves his beloved wife Susan Carey, the great love of his life; his children Michael T. Carey, of San Mateo, Dennis Carey, of Hanoi, Jeff Beaty, of Concord; Cynthia Carey, of Napa Valley, Kimberly Corso, of Menlo Park and Christopher Corso, of Portland, Oregon; Lisa Lamb, of Atherton, and Mike E. Carey, of Santa Barbara; brother Peter Carey of Palo Alto. He also leaves his grandchildren Tyler Woods; Cole T. Carey; Zachary, William and Alexandra Lamb; Sophia Phillips; and Benjamin Carey as well as his nephew, Brendan Carey; and niece, Nadia Carey.

I was privileged to have known Scott for over 35 years and call him my friend. He was a thoroughbred professional, a loyal friend and he was respected by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Scott T. Carey, a man of many talents and accomplishments and a true patriot. As the full House extends our condolences to his family and friends, we are grateful for his life and his work which made our community and our country stronger and better.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, during consideration of the motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1359, E-Warranty Act of 2015, I was not able to cast a vote because of a delayed flight. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

THE MAJOR CASE SQUAD OF GREATER ST. LOUIS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF INVESTIGATIVE EXCELLENCE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis in celebrating 50 years of investigative excellence to the St. Louis Area. This multi-jurisdictional Major Crime Investigative Task Force was established in 1965 to unite the most qualified investigators from Illinois and Missouri law enforcement agencies within the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area. The goal was to establish a cooperative effort to investigate and provide an expeditious solution to the most heinous crimes constituting a community threat.

Since its inception the Major Case Squad has investigated thousands of crimes and is proud of the fact that more than 86 percent have resulted in arrest clearance with an incredibly high criminal conviction rate.

Throughout the 50 years of operational success, the men and women of the Major Case Squad have perfected the investigative process to deliver a swift and professional response to violent crimes that affect the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFUNIAK SPRINGS WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the DeFuniak Springs Woman's Club. Throughout the last century, the Club has served the local community, and I am privileged to honor and recognize their dedication to bettering the lives of the citizens of Northwest Florida.

As one of the oldest civic organizations in the Florida panhandle, the Woman's Club was

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unofficially formed in 1915 when a group of 5 resourceful and determined women representing each of the churches in DeFuniak Springs gathered at the request of the mayor to take on the beautification and sanitation of the town. The group, which would later become the DeFuniak Springs Woman's Club, set about establishing sanitation standards by improving drinking water and sewer systems, as well as working to make the town as aesthetically pleasing as possible. They were able to secure extra law enforcement officials to prevent the free roaming livestock, and they beautified the parks and train depot by planting gardens.

Once their original purpose was met, the Woman's Club began to provide care to women and children, a mission that continues today. In addition to promoting good health and home sanitation, the Woman's Club has taken on projects to provide food for school children, library books, quality woman's clothing at discounted prices, and, as a sponsor for the Children's Advocacy of the Emerald Coast, support for child abuse victims.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the DeFuniak Woman's Club in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating all the members past and present on one hundred years of exceptional service to the Northwest Florida community.

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT "AL" P.
PIANTANIDA

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of my good friend and community leader, Albert "Al" P. Piantanida, who passed away on Monday, August 31, 2015.

Al was not only a great friend to me, but a leader in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. Al's dedication to his neighborhood and the surrounding community will be noticed by future generations.

Al was a proud Vietnam War Veteran, serving for three years. Al shared his familiarity and experience as a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee. He was also a proud member of the American Legion Post 817 in Panorama City.

While born in East St. Louis, Illinois, Al made his home in Arleta, California for more than thirty years. Al believed that building a better world begins in one's own back yard. Al's intrinsic motivation was to inspire others to become involved in the community.

Al was the perfect constituent. He not only engaged his elected representatives, he offered his service and personally invested in finding solutions to the issues facing the community. He was the perfect American.

He was an active member of his community, serving diligently as the President of the Arleta Neighborhood Council for three years as well as President of the Village Green East Home Owners Association.

Al was the founder of the Arleta Community Watchdogs Organization and member of the Arleta "Looky Loos" Neighborhood Watch Group for over twenty-five years.

Al was always there and involved, actively participating in community events, projects, and programs. Al had a lifelong commitment to public service and improving the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

Al's dedication went beyond his own neighborhood. He was an active member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill and Mission Division Community-Police Advisory Boards, the Police Foundation, and Valley Traffic Advisory Council.

He devoted his life to the betterment of the students and less fortunate—actively participating in food banks, senior centers, and schools. His tireless efforts were recognized when Al received the 2011 Pacoima Spirit Award for community activist of the year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Albert "Al" P. Piantanida. Although Al is no longer with us in person, he will always remain in our hearts and memories. His legacy will continue for future generations.

CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH YEAR
OF ALBERT "RED"
SCHOENDIENST IN PROFES-
SIONAL BASEBALL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of the 70th year of Albert "Red" Schoendienst in professional baseball.

During his years involved with professional baseball, 45 seasons were in uniform with the St. Louis Cardinals as a player, manager, and coach. He is still currently involved with the organization as a special assistant to the manager. The organization, players, and fans will be celebrating Red all season long using the hashtag #LoveRed2.

His career with the Cardinals started in 1945 when he left his hometown of Germantown, Illinois, here in the 15th District. He quickly developed into one of the best hitting and fielding second basemen of all time. With multiple World Series wins and National League pennants won as both a player and a coach and as a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, I am honored to recognize such an accomplished athlete who hails from the district.

I look forward to Red's continued involvement with the Cardinals for many years to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud that members of Congress from both sides of the aisle came together to deal with the gun trafficking epidemic that has spread across our country and across our borders.

Our bill, the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act, will create a dedicated federal statute to com-

bat gun trafficking, and impose stiffer penalties for "straw purchasers" who buy guns for convicted felons and others who are prohibited from purchasing weapons. The bill also includes important enhancements for organizers of trafficking networks that funnel illegal guns into cities across the country.

These stronger penalties will enable law enforcement and prosecutors to bust these trafficking rings and make our communities safer from the threat of gun violence.

According to the ATF, more than 100,000 guns were recovered from crime scenes in Mexico between 2009 and 2014, and over 70 percent of those originated in the U.S. It's clear that gun trafficking across the border to Mexico is a major national security threat, but our current laws are so weak that it's not worth it to prosecute gun traffickers.

In testimony to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee in 2012, ATF Special Agent Peter Forcelli called the current laws against gun trafficking "absolutely toothless." And the consequences have been dire:

On Christmas Eve, 2012, a convicted felon named William Spengler, who served 17 years in prison for killing his 92-year-old grandmother with a hammer, sat down in his home in Webster, N.Y., and wrote a note vowing to torch his neighborhood.

He promised to "do what I like doing best, killing people." After setting fire to his own house and several others, Spengler ambushed the first responders, killing two firefighters by spraying them with bullets from a 12-gauge shotgun and a Bushmaster rifle.

How did Mr. Spengler—a convicted felon—get his guns? He used his neighbor as a straw purchaser.

And this May, authorities in New York charged 10 people in a gun trafficking ring that had channeled 90 guns from as far away as Maine onto our streets in just the previous six months.

Thank you to Representatives CUMMINGS, MEEHAN, FITZPATRICK, KELLY, KING, DUCKWORTH, and DONOVAN for their steadfast commitment to end gun trafficking, and their support of this critical legislation.

IN MEMORY OF THE HEROES OF
BENGHAZI: NAVY SEAL CHRIS
DOHERTY, DIPLOMAT SEAN
SMITH, AMBASSADOR CHRIS
STEVENS, AND NAVY SEAL TY-
RONE WOODS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and in memory of the four American Heroes who died in the Benghazi Terrorist Attack three years ago on 9/11 in service to our country. Ambassador Chris Stevens, Diplomat Sean Smith, Former Navy Seals Chris Doherty and Tyrone Woods. Their courage and service to our Nation will always be remembered. On this third anniversary our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families. I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

Out of the Woods, and into the light
Those brave hearts who evil must fight
Those ones who served their country tis of
thee so magnificently,

all on that most heroic of all nights
 Who stood strong, who stood long,
 ever so bright
 To see heaven's light
 Out of the Woods,
 and into the light
 The ones who chose to be in harm's way,
 standing up for what is right
 Indeed, it is but a special breed.
 who in the name of public service who will
 intercede and so fight
 Whether, an Ambassador, a Diplomat, or
 Brothers In Arms,
 who together chose to unite
STAND DOWN
HELL NO
 Against all odds as into that darkness they'd
 go
 Leave no brother behind was how they all
 lived and so died
 As their Mothers cried,
 with tears in their eyes
 As Heaven them chose,
 they'd rise
 In the moment of truth,
 only the bravest of all hearts so choose to
 fight
 While, against all odds,
 these heroes acted like gods bringing their
 light
 All in their creed,
 showing us what we all need to make this
 world right
 Courage and Faith,
 and unending Conviction to make it a far
 better place
 Because minutes are all that we have
 To make a difference,
 all in that fight of Good versus Bad
 It's better to live for something noble,
 than die for nothing at all
 As they went into the darkest of Woods,
 with Strength In Honor one and all
 Rest
 Rest, our four American Sons,
 your battle's over now, it's done,
 you're out of the Woods and into the light
 For Heaven holds a place,
 for all of those men and women of such
 splendid faith
 Who to this our world bring their most self-
 less light
 Amen

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 490 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

IN COMMEMORATION OF ARTHUR A. COLLINS' 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the birthday of a true innovator and representative of American ingenuity: Arthur A. Collins. Fascinated and inspired by the invention of the radio, Collins tinkered with home-made antennas and transmitters from an early age at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As a young adult, Arthur turned his hobby into a basement business where he sold the first

complete radio transmitting equipment in the country.

Since its humble beginnings in Iowa in the thirties, the Collins Radio Company evolved and adapted to design and manufacture flight control instruments, first commercially successful data modems, and the communications equipment for the Apollo, Gemini, and Mercury space programs. Today, Rockwell Collins, the largest employer in the First District of Iowa, continues to create innovative technology for both the defense and civilian sectors. The company, still based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, designs, engineers, and builds electronic communication systems, avionics, and in-flight entertainment systems worldwide.

Arthur A. Collins pioneered one of the greatest technological revolutions in history and left an enduring legacy in the business world. Today, on what would have been his 106th birthday, I honor the genius of this great Iowan and celebrate his American success story. Mr. Collins is an amazing example of the American Dream and a testament to the power of hard work, foresight, and perseverance.

HONORING JULIE CARSON

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilton Manors City Commissioner, Julie Carson and her work with the LGBT community.

Commissioner Carson is being presented with the "Community Partner for Equality" award from Equality Florida for her tireless work for the LGBT community.

In 2010, Carson became the first openly lesbian elected official in Broward County. Throughout her tenure as Commissioner, she has focused on helping the homeless, assisting the elderly, advocating for people living with HIV/AIDS, and supporting the Transgender community. Specifically, she sponsored the Equal Benefits Ordinance and the Broward County Vendor Preference Ordinance, which ensured equal benefits to all married couples. She is also proud of her continued dialogue and collaboration between the Transgender community and the Wilton Manors Police Department.

Outside of her duties as Commissioner, Carson is a free-lance paralegal and a guest lecturer at Florida Atlantic University. She enjoys spending time with her partner Susan and horseback riding in her free time.

I congratulate Commissioner Carson on her award and thank her for all her tremendous work for the South Florida LGBT community. I am proud to represent her in the 22nd District and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 490 I was unable to attend the fol-

lowing vote due to a flight delay from my district in Southwest Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN CROSLAND, JR.

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Crosland, Jr., who passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2015 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Crosland made a name for himself as a successful real estate developer, but more importantly for his philanthropic work in our community. In 1954, he joined his father at the John Crosland Company. He successfully navigated multiple housing crises through the decades while becoming a champion of affordable housing in the Charlotte area. Additionally, he was the founding chairman of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte.

Throughout his successful career, he always knew the importance of giving back and helping the local community. In 2012, Mr. Crosland gave \$1.1 million for a new school in Charlotte, now named The John Crosland School, that specializes in assisting children with learning disabilities.

His dedication to serving our community has made an everlasting impact on thousands of lives.

He also served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan. I am grateful for his service to our country, our state, and to our local community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the life of John Crosland, Jr., for his successful career and for his dedication to bettering the lives of so many North Carolinians.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent passing of a beloved family member, I was unable to cast my vote yesterday for an important piece of legislation. Had I been in the chamber, I would have voted yes on S. 1359, the E-Warranty Act of 2015.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call number 490 on S. 1359, I am not recorded because I was absent for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted aye.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on September 8, 2015, I was absent for rollcall vote 490. Had I been present for rollcall vote 490, on passage of S. 1359, I would have voted "yes".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 490 my flight was unavoidably delayed due to severe weather. Had I been present, I would have voted yes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I attended a visitation for Shane Clifton, a St. Paul firefighter who died while on duty, and missed votes on September 8, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the E-Warranty Act of 2015 (S. 1359).

IN HONOR OF "JOHN" ARTHUR J. HOWARTH

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere condolences and to honor the memory of "John" Arthur J. Howarth for his achievements, contributions, and service to his community as a loving husband, father, grandfather and pillar of civic engagement.

John Howarth spent his life serving his community for 40 years as an electrician for the International Brothers of Electrical Workers (IBEW), putting the needs of others before his own. John was also active as a member of his local union, serving as Recording Secretary. In addition to imparting the importance of citizenship to his children and grandchildren at an early age, he served as an inspiration to IBEW members. He taught them the value of a day's work and to appreciate life's gifts and opportunities.

John also served as general foreman on some of the largest projects in South Jersey. I had the privilege of working under him on the Garden State Park Race Track. He had a passion for passing on his trade to the next generation and I was privileged to be among the many IBEW members to benefit from his years of experience.

Mr. Speaker, John Howarth was an incredible man, devoted to his family, and dedicated to his community. He leaves behind a great

legacy and I join my IBEW brothers and sisters and the entire state of New Jersey in honoring the achievements and the life of this extraordinary man.

HONORING SAL ESPOSITO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sal Esposito of Plantation, Florida, who turned 100 years old on August 27, 2015.

Mr. Esposito moved to the 22nd District in 1980 from New York. Before moving to South Florida, he proudly served in the military and was overseas for nearly three years during World War II. He worked in a factory making tools and dies for 45 years.

Mr. Esposito still works with machinery and tools in the Lauderdale West Community. He helps to make toys for children for the Plantation Historical Museum. He also enjoys playing tennis, playing cards, and performing in shows.

I thank Mr. Esposito for his service to our country and wish him many happy and healthy years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, I was not present due to a medical procedure and missed the following vote:

Roll Call Vote 490, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3154—S. 1359, The E-Warranty Act of 2015. I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO MARILYNN THANNEY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Marilynn Thanney on her retirement. Ms. Thanney has served the 4th Congressional District for over 18 years. She has served in various positions during her tenure including Office Manager, Caseworker, Casework Supervisor and currently Casework Manager for my office.

Marilynn began her employment with the House of Representatives in 1998 beginning in the office of my predecessor Representative Gerald Kleczka. She joined my office in 2005. She was one of my first hires due to her welcoming spirit and knowledge of the district. Before joining federal employment, Ms. Thanney spent six years working for the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center and she also worked for the Better Business Bureau in their Milwaukee office.

Marilynn Thanney is the proud mother of four, three daughters: Jennifer, Rachel, and

Rebecca and son Joshua. She is the grandmother of 3: Makayla, Jackson, and Noah; they all reside in Minnesota where she will retire. She has been married to her soulmate Karen Mahler for over 15 years and was officially married to Karen in April 2014 in a ceremony held in Minnesota.

Marilynn has worked tirelessly on behalf of the constituents of the 4th Congressional District; she has tackled some of the most difficult problems and cases with many positive results. She is an exceptional leader and has been an advocate on issues regarding mental health, women, seniors, LGBT, and the disability community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues of the 114th Congress to join me in congratulating Marilynn Thanney on her well-deserved retirement. She has been a true friend to her colleagues and friends and has exemplified in deed the true meaning of public servant. She has been a treasure for the 4th Congressional District and will be missed by my office, this community and the State of Wisconsin.

HONORING JOSEPHINE DEFINA STETSON

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Josephine DeFina Stetson for her work in the U.S. Army War Department.

Josephine was born in New York City to Pasqual and Antoinette DeSimon, as the youngest of eight children. From a young age, Josephine had a passion for dance, a talent which led her to teach soldiers how to dance as a volunteer for the USO.

Josephine served as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army War Department for four years, developing flow charts illustrating the organizational structures of various commands.

After working for the Army, Josephine began selling real estate in the Palm Beaches, opening her own firm in 1973. She was consistently ranked one of the top firms in the area and the nation. Josephine is an enthusiastic member of the Palm Beach community, serving on the Palm Beach Board of Realtors for many years and as a longtime member and parishioner of the St. Edward's Church guild.

In honor of her years of commitment to her country and dedication to her community, I'm pleased to recognize Mrs. Josephine DeFina Stetson and thank her for her service.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPALACHIAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to recognize an organization that has had a huge impact on rural areas of my District and the State of Tennessee.

The Appalachian Electric Cooperative is celebrating its 75th anniversary during its annual meeting on September 26th in White

Pine, Tennessee, where up to 2,000 people are expected to attend.

Governor Bill Haslam has proclaimed September 26th as Appalachian Electric Cooperative Day.

Since 1940, the member-owned, non-profit Appalachian Electric Cooperative has been providing reliable and affordable electricity across East Tennessee.

Today, it serves 45,000 people in Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson and Sevier Counties.

Several years ago, I was named the number one champion of rural America in the entire House of Representatives.

I have always rooted for the little guy or the underdog in life. It is very important to stand up for small towns and rural areas because they do not have the resources of big cities and often get shortchanged.

I read recently that two-thirds of the counties in the U.S. are losing population. There are many small towns and rural areas across the Appalachian region that are barely holding on.

Without affordable, reliable electricity, these rural areas would cease to exist. We must do everything we can to support rural America and help stem this population loss.

Mr. Speaker, the Appalachian Electric Cooperative has been a lifeline for many thousands of people across rural East Tennessee for the last 75 years. I urge my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to congratulate them on this milestone and thank them for their service to Tennessee.

GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN
THAN THIS THAT A MAN LAY
DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS
FRIENDS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, etched in white marble on a gravestone in Arlington National Cemetery is the name of Army Staff Sergeant Brian T. Craig. Born on April 2, 1975, he passed away 13 days after his 27th birthday on April 15, 2002 in Afghanistan.

Brian was a son, a friend and, most importantly to him, a Christian. Brian loved his family, and he made it a weekly ritual to call home early on Saturday mornings to let his parents know he was okay. He graduated from Klein Forest High School in 1993 and from there went on to enlist in the United States Army the next fall. His parents had encouraged him to go to college, but Brian was dead set on enlisting; it was in his blood. His father, Arthur, was stationed in Thailand with the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Brian served in Anchorage, Alaska as an Airborne Infantry soldier.

Upon reenlistment, he served in a range of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (E.O.D.) missions in support of the United States and NATO, even serving in Bosnia/Kosovo and The Republic of North Korea. He was deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom to Kandahar, Afghanistan in November of 2001, when he was later killed.

His parents, Arthur and Barbara Craig, heard news that four U.S. soldiers were killed

in Kandahar as they dismantled confiscated rockets, they feared their son was among that four.

Barbara was returning from the airport, after dropping her husband off for a mission trip, when she saw an Army car pull up in front of the house. Her worries were confirmed, Brian was among the dead in Afghanistan.

Brian paid the ultimate sacrifice; he laid down his life for not only his family and friends, but people he had never met. He was working to keep the civilians of Afghanistan safe, to make the world a little safer, too. Brian worked with a small team that went around and collected old bombs and rockets. They then took these explosives to a safe location to detonate them, so they would not harm other people. As his father put it, rather than using these weapons of destruction, Brian was cleaning up munitions left by past and present wars.

On the homepage of a memorial website for Brian reads a verse from the Book of John: "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." This short scripture is a living testimony of the man that Brian was. He was a man of great faith whose life was a light in dark circumstances.

The website features one of Brian's last letters home. In this three page letter, Brian describes his walk with Christ. He says that during his time in Afghanistan, he had grown spiritually. He was a member of a men's bible study and reiterated that it was an answer to his prayers. He also stated that he never thought he could grow in his relationship with God and the people he worked with and that he wanted to make a difference in these men's lives.

And he did.

On the message board of his memorial website are short messages from Brian's friends, family and coworkers. A comment from Major Chris Miller, Commander, Special Forces, reads: "He let his silent comportment and deep faith speak for him instead of his words. This is such a rare quality in young people these days." In his letter, Brian graciously thanks his parents for their love and support. He let them know, the Lord was answering their prayers for him; he could feel it. He simply asked them to continue their prayers and sent his love.

Brian was a person of tremendous character and faith. He will not be forgotten. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and the Bronze Star Medal.

We should always support our troops, and we should always keep them in our thoughts and prayers. For the warriors across the globe who fight every day ensuring our well-being, there is no greater love.

God Bless our troops, and God Bless Army Staff Sergeant Brian T. Craig.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF COUNCILMAN DAVID
DUNCAN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere condolences and honor the memory of Bellmawr, New Jersey, Councilman

David Duncan for his exemplary life of service to the Bellmawr community. In addition to being a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Duncan was a resident of Bellmawr for almost forty-five years and spent his time giving back to his city.

Mr. Duncan was an experienced insurance agent and a member of the Union Ironworker Local #399 for 35 years. For years, he led the effort to get out the labor vote on Election Day. As Councilman, David oversaw the Department of Public Safety, and Department of Health, and served as the Planning Board Liaison. In addition, Mr. Duncan was active in many Bellmawr organizations. He served on the executive board of the Bellmawr Democrat Club, as president of the Bellmawr Lions Club, and as a member of the Bellmawr Men's Club.

Mr. Duncan was also a veteran of the United States Navy, as well as a dedicated member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, one of the largest organizations for combat veterans in the world and I thank him for his service to our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, David Duncan was an incredible man, dedicated to his family, community and country. He leaves behind a great legacy and I join the Bellmawr community and the entire state of New Jersey in honoring the achievements and the life of this great man.

HONORING VINCENT A. MIRO

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mr. Vincent A. Miro for his service in the United States Navy and to congratulate him for being presented with eight medals.

Mr. Miro served in the Navy for over 2 years during World War II. He enlisted as soon as he was old enough and served up until the end of the war in Europe. Mr. Miro served in the D-Day invasion, storming the beaches of Normandy when he was just 18. We are honored to present him with the following medals: World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with bronze star appurtenance), Combat Action Ribbon, Discharge Button, Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Ruptured Duck).

In honor of his commitment and sacrifice for his country, I am honored to recognize Mr. Vincent A. Miro and offer him my sincerest congratulations.

HONORING GAYLES MEMORIAL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 65th Anniversary of Gayles Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Aurora, Illinois.

Since 1950, the members of Gayles Memorial Missionary Baptist Church have committed

themselves to serving the west side of Aurora. From humble beginnings, the church has grown into a local institution with over 250 members, nine deacons, 10 associate ministers, and almost 30 ministries offering services including the children's choir, Sunday school classes, and youth bible study. Members are also dedicated to service outside of the church, volunteering at local charities, providing transitional counseling for incarcerated men and women, raising money for scholarship programs to help area youth, and answering many more calls for assistance from Aurorans.

I would like to thank the Reverend George Marshall and the congregation of Gayles Memorial Missionary Baptist Church for their continuing stewardship of our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,143,313,299.53. We've added \$7,524,266,264,386.45 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, Connecticut.

The history of St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington dates to before the Revolutionary War when missionaries celebrated Anglican rites with local residents. A handful of families bound by the mission of faithful service founded St. John's Episcopal Church and built their first wood frame church in Davies Hollow in 1794. In 1815, the wooden structure was moved by wagon to the parish's current home on the Green.

As the church's membership continued to grow, the congregation raised funds to build a new church. In 1915, renowned architect Ehrick Rossiter designed the stone structure that is still in use today. Over the decades, the church flourished. The ministries expanded to include a choir, Sunday school, and many community outreach activities. In 2012, Rev. Susan McCone was installed as the thirteenth Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, the congregation's first female head.

Over the past 200 years, the Town of Washington grew around the church. Today, St. John's stands as an architectural landmark and spiritual beacon on Green Hill welcoming 200 families in fellowship. St. John's inclusive hospitality and dedication to promoting inter-

faith dialogue through educational programs and spiritual events builds the sense of community for parishioners and neighbors alike. The congregation supports the town through programs like the St. John's Emergency Fund, which helps Washington residents who experience urgent and unforeseen hardship with monetary assistance for food, medicine, and other necessities.

On August 29, 2015, St. John's Episcopal Church celebrated its 200th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the historic stone church. Congratulations to Rev. McCone and all the parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church. I wish you many more successful years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to illness and was not present for roll call votes on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Roll Call Vote #490—S. 1359, E-Warranty Act of 2015—yes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JAMES ALAN "TRUCK" HICKS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Alan "Truck" Hicks, who was a Captain in the N.C. Air National Guard.

Captain Hicks died unexpectedly on Monday, July 27, 2015 after helping fight a house fire in Stanly County. He is the first member of the N.C. Air National Guard's fire service to die in the line of duty. On Sunday, Captain Hicks' unit was assigned to bring more water to the fire. However, more firefighters were needed on the interior of the home and Captain Hicks joined the attack.

Throughout his life, Captain Hicks was dedicated to his community and to helping others. In 1986, he began working with the Harrisburg Volunteer Fire Department. As time passed, he also worked with the Flowes Store Volunteer Fire Department as well as the Jackson Park Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as Chief for two years.

In addition, he worked for Concord Fire and Rescue for 10 years and was also with the Badin Volunteer Fire Department. Afterwards, he joined the North Carolina Air National Guard Fire Department for five years and served as Captain for two years.

Captain Hicks was a man of faith and served as a deacon at the Independence Square Baptist Church in Kannapolis. Despite his full schedule, he also served as a fire instructor at the Cleveland Community College in Shelby, N.C.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Captain Hicks' service and dedication to our local communities and I join them now in grieving his passing.

TRIBUTE TO ALISON PARKER AND ADAM WARD

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alison Parker and Adam Ward, the young Virginia TV news reporter and cameraman who were tragically killed during a live broadcast on August 26th, 2015. In the face of such horrific evil, words fall short. But the lives of Alison and Adam will be remembered with great love. The thoughts and prayers of the nation remain with the families and loved ones of Alison and Adam, as well as the whole WDBJ news team and community of Franklin County, Virginia.

HONORING AND WELCOMING CZECH AMBASSADOR PETR GANDALOVIC AND SLOVAK AMBASSADOR PETER KMEC TO MISSOURI'S FIFTH DISTRICT

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Czech Ambassador Petr Gandalovic and Slovak Ambassador Peter Kmec to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I proudly represent. The Ambassadors were invited by Kansas City based honorary consuls, Sharon Valášek (Czech Republic) and Ross Marine (Slovak Republic) for a "Celebration of Czechs & Slovaks Collaboration." The celebration includes meetings with local business leaders, a tour of The National World War I Museum and Memorial, a commemorative wreath-laying ceremony at the Truman Presidential Library and Museum and a special musical performance by world renowned Slovak violinist, Filip Pogády, sponsored by the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

This is an especially notable visit because of the Midwest's strong relationship with their two home countries, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. Thousands of immigrants from these central European countries have come to the heartland since the early history of our country. They farmed, worked hard labor jobs, became teachers and took great pride in being Americans. While the numbers are smaller than in the past, Czech and Slovak people continue to come to the Midwest and assimilate into our economy and our way of life.

The Czech Republic and Slovak Republic have been allies and friends of the United States, dating back to the formation of Czechoslovakia on Oct. 28, 1918, as witnessed by the close relationship of the two presidents, Woodrow Wilson of the United States and Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.

The United States encouraged political and economic transformation in Czechoslovakia after its liberation from communism in 1989, and established diplomatic relations with the Czech Republic in 1993 after the country split into two republics (Czech Republic and Slovak

Republic). The two sovereign nations are fellow members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and are important and reliable allies in promoting U.S. interests. The two countries work together to strengthen security, promote economic development and democratic values, and defend basic human rights.

Both nations have growing economies and are immersed in the global marketplace. The Slovak Republic has been recognized as a large and upcoming competitor in technology and automotive industries and was ranked in one of the highest tiers for "Doing Business" by the World Trade Organization. Similarly, the Czech Republic is a leader in aerospace and aviation, automotive manufacturing and engineering. The Czech government continues to emphasize Czech-American collaboration in the most demanding fields which require high quality and innovative products.

Missouri's Fifth Congressional District is particularly proud to have been the host of the signing of Czech Republic's NATO admission documents in Independence, Missouri at the Truman Presidential Library. It is appropriate then that the Ambassadors have the opportunity to visit the Truman Library during their visit.

Many communities in the Midwest take pride in their Slavic heritages, and the Fifth District is pleased to be one of them. The rich cultural and historical ties between our District and the Czech and Slovak Republics are a demonstration of the melting pot culture we celebrate in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic for their relentless efforts in extending good will, commerce and democratic principles, not only within their borders, but to the global community, including Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. I urge my colleagues to please join me in expressing our appreciation to these two nations and their Ambassadors, who continue to advance democratic principles.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor-

mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 16

10 a.m.
Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the cause, response, and impacts of EPA's Gold King Mine spill.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine achieving the promise of health information technology, focusing on improving care through patient access to their records.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine regulatory reform proposals.

SD-342

10:15 a.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine reforming the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.
Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine EPA's Gold King Mine disaster, focusing on the harmful impacts to Indian country.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 563, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times, S. 564, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1450, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S.

1451, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, S. 1460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, S. 1693, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, S. 1856, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, S. 1938, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other pending calendar business.

SR-418

SEPTEMBER 17

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Adam J. Szubin, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security
To hold hearings to examine biosimilar implementation, focusing on a progress report from FDA.

SD-430

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1814, to withhold certain Federal funding from sanctuary cities, S. 32, to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, and the nominations of John Michael Vazquez, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Wilhelmina Marie Wright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

SD-226